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### EPA SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING FOR TYSON'S SUPERFUND SITE

PHILADELPHIA, PA - - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources announce a public meeting concerning the Tyson's Superfund Site to be held Tuesday, October 1, 1985, 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Merion Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The Conceptual Design documents are available for public review at the Wolfshon Memorial Library, 180 Town Center Road, King of Prussia.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the design stage of the Tyson's Superfund Site project. Currently, SRW Associates Incorporated of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is the design firm working on the planning process for the cleanup of the site.

Tyson's dump was used as a septic tank disposal area between 1962 and 1970. Chemical and industrial wastes were also disposed of in the lagoons located in the southern and central areas of the site. In 1973, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources ordered the site closed. The lagoons were backfilled. EPA conducted immediate removal actions in 1983, and later that year the site was placed on the National Priorities List.

The actual cleanup of the site is scheduled to begin in Spring, 1986. To date, remedial activity is in progress at more than 450 Superfund sites nationwide.

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EPA ENTERS INTO A CONSENT ORDER WITH GIBA-GEIGY CORPORATION

PHILADELPHIA, PA - - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has entered into a Consent Order with Ciba-Geigy Corporation of Ardsley, New York, to conduct studies of the off-site areas at Tyson's Superfund Site in Upper Merion Township, Pennsylvania. The studies and areas of concern include:

- a hydrogeological study of the deep aquifer underlying the site.
- a study of the ecological impacts of the dumpsite on the floodplain and wetland areas.
- additional surface soil samplings
- sub-surface soil sampling of the railroad area.
- a study of the hillside area between the site and the railroad, to determine the extent of contamination by overflow from the former lagoons on-site.

The purpose of the study is to determine the extent of off-site migration of contamination. Ciba-Geigy Corp. has contracted Environmental Resources Management of West Chester, Pennsylvania to conduct the work.

Tyson's Superfund Site is an abandoned septic and chemical waste disposal site. Several unlined lagoons were formerly used to store various industrial, municipal, and chemical wastes, between 1962 and the early 1970's.

In 1983, EPA implemented removal actions at the site to address the immediate health hazards. An onsite air stripper is being operated and maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. A remedial investigation and feasibility study was conducted by EPA from December 1983 to February 1984. A Record of Decision was issued by EPA in December 1984, which announced the selected cleanup alternative for the site and also recommended that additional studies be conducted to investigate the offsite areas.

These additional studies are expected to be completed by late Spring 1987.

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